

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT[441]

Amended Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b,” the Department of Human Services hereby gives notice that opportunities for oral presentations will be held on the dates and at the locations listed below. The scheduling of these presentations is the result of a petition for oral presentation received by the Department from an association of 25 or more persons. The purpose of the oral presentations will be to receive oral or written comments on proposed amendments to Chapter 77, “Conditions of Participation for Providers of Medical and Remedial Care,” Chapter 78, “Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services,” and Chapter 79, “Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care,” Iowa Administrative Code. The proposed amendments were published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on April 3, 2013, as **ARC 0667C**.

The amendments implement the integrated health home (IHH) for members with a serious mental illness (SMI) or a serious emotional disturbance (SED), as defined in the state plan. This is phase 2 of a planned implementation meeting federal guidelines for this program. The amendments add the information required to define eligibility, modify the payment matrix to ensure accuracy, and ensure that health home providers collaborate with case managers or social workers for individuals with chronic conditions. The amendments ensure that individuals with an SMI or SED will have all care coordinated within their integrated health home provider and that children with an SED are served by integrated health home providers trained in a system of care model.

The amendments will improve the health of the Medicaid members with an SMI or SED, with a focus on integrating mental, behavioral, and physical health; improving transitions of care; and lowering avoidable emergency room visits and hospital readmissions. In addition, the amendments will increase reimbursement to Medicaid providers that enhance their services to meet Department standards. Finally, the Department will be better able to serve these populations while achieving short-term budget savings with overall long-term budget neutrality.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments on or before June 6, 2013. Comments should be directed to Harry Rossander, Bureau of Policy Coordination, Department of Human Services, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0114. Comments may be sent by fax to (515)281-4980 or by e-mail to policyanalysis@dhs.state.ia.us.

Oral presentation sessions will be held as follows:

June 5, 2013	2 to 3 p.m.	Department of Human Services Cedar Rapids Service Area Iowa Building, 5th Floor ICN Room 411 3rd Street SE Cedar Rapids, Iowa
June 6, 2013	9 to 10 a.m.	Department of Human Services Western Service Area Pottawattamie County DHS Office Lunch Room, Lower Level 417 E. Kanesville Blvd. Council Bluffs, Iowa
June 6, 2013	10 to 11 a.m.	Department of Human Services Des Moines Service Area River Place, Room 1 2309 Euclid Avenue Des Moines, Iowa

June 6, 2013	2 to 3 p.m.	Department of Human Services Eastern Iowa Service Area Scott County Administration Bldg., Room 605 600 West 4th Street Davenport, Iowa
June 6, 2013	2 to 3 p.m.	Department of Human Services Black Hawk County DHS Office, Room 201 1407 Independence Avenue Waterloo, Iowa

At the oral presentations, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subjects of the amendments. Written statements from attendees are also encouraged. Any person who intends to attend an oral presentation and has special requirements, such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments, should contact the Department to advise of any specific needs.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there is no anticipated net impact on jobs, although there may be impacts to individual providers.